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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Please enter the following amendments and remarks in response to the Office Action mailed June 8, 1999.

REMARKS

In the Office Action of June 8, 1999, the Examiner allowed Claims 2-34 and 36-50.

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's allowance of these claims. Claim 1 was rejected under 35

U.S.C. § 102 (b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,400,246 to Wilson et al. ("Wilson"),